follows:

"P. and O. liner Persia reported sunk, submarined, while approaching Alexandria. Robert N. McNeely, American consul Aden, going to post left London as passenger. Nearly all on

board perished.

Robert Ney McNeeley was making his first trip to a consular post for the United States government, having been appointed October 18 last, and assigned to Aden. His home is at Monroe, N. C., and he was a member of the appointed October 18 last, and assigned to Aden. His home is at Monroe, N. C., and he was a member of the North Carolina legislature from 1908 to 1910. He is thirty-two years old. Arthur Garrels, American consul at Alexandria, Egypt, was instructed by the State Department to gather all available information about the sinking of the Persia and forward it at once to Washington.

## AVIATOR WILL EXHIBIT TO AID DIET KITCHEN

### Association Will Hold Tag Days for Benefit of Infant Welfare Center.

The Washington Diet Kitchen Association wants girls from all parts of Washington to tag charitably disposed folk for the infant welfare centers of the association Wednesday and Thursday while Juan Domenjoz, the Swiss aviator, does stunts over the heart of the business center of the town with Bleriot monoplane. Ten thousand of the compulsion bill: dollars must be raised immediately to meet expenses of a pressing character in connection with the promotion of der the one of Washington's most deserving present philanthropies and the women of the Diet Kitchen have hit upon the novel

nounced it will be grateful to any young women who may volunteer to help. These offices will be in the charge of Miss Adelaide Heath, the secretary of the association. Merchants of the city have offered prizes to encourage emulation among the taggers.

### Three Exhibitions Each Day.

Domenjoz will give three exhibitions on each of the days he will fly for charity. And the course he will take as he loops the loop, cuts pretzel figures, careens upside down and performs other unusual stunts will be over Pennsylvania avenue from 15th street northwest to the Capitol and F and G streets and New York avenue on the way back. His exhibitions will occur at intervals of a couple of hours and they will occupy fifteen or twenty minutes each. The hours for the ascents have not yet been determined.

They submitted interesting figures on these phases of the problem at yester-day's cabinet meeting and if, when the cabinet reassembles Tuesday for a final decision on the whole question their requirements can be satisfied as to the ultimate size of the army, they may be brought to acquiesce in the government's policy.

Arthur Henderson, president of the board of education, will only resign if the labor conference should decide that he must. as he loops the loop, cuts pretzel figforms other unusual stunts will be over Pennsylvania avenue from 15th street northwest to the Capitol and F and G streets and New York avenue on the way back. His exhibitions will occur at intervals of a couple of hours and they will occupy fifteen or twenty minutes each. The hours for the ascents have not yet been determined.

Among the women of the Washington Diet Kitchen Association who are taking an active part in the promotion of this work are Miss Mary Gwynn, the president: Mrs. George Howard. Mme. Hauge. Mrs. A. Garrison McClintock, Mrs. Horace Westcott, Mrs. James F. Hyland and Mrs. Allerton Cushman.

## DEATH OF THOMAS C. YOUNG.

### High Episcopal Churchmen Officiate at Services for Late Fireman.

Thomas C. Young, a member of the District fire department for several years, died Tuesday following a brief illness. Funeral services were held Thursday at Bethelem Chapel, Bishop

Mr. Young was born in Manassas, Va. He was married to Miss Bertha Conley, daughter of the late John and Margaret Conley, of Seneca, Md. He leaves his widow and three children, the eldest of whom is eleven years old; five brothers and five sisters.

### BSERVE GOLDEN WEDDING.

### Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Bowie to Celebrate Monday.

Company, retiring October 1, 1915, on a pension. He was born a slave in Prince Georges county, Md., seventy-four years ago. Mrs. Bowie is sixty-eight years old and is the mother of sixteen children, and has eleven reactive. and is the mother of sixteen chil-dren, and has eleven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

### COLCRED WOMAN MURDERED. Body, With Head Cut and Battered, Found in Bed.

Florine Johnson, colored, a laundress, thirty years old, living at 6 Allen

occupants of the house say the wom-an engaged in a fight Tuesday night and another Wednesday night with a man living at the house. The man, also colored, who is known to the police, has disappeared. It is believed the woman died Wednesday night, her body being placed on a broken bed in the room and covered with a heap of bed clothing. bed clothing.

## Boys Accused of Joy Riding.

Charles W. Ricketts, fourteen years old, 1742 F street northwest, and Fletcher Bernsdorf, twelve years old, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts were married Mr. Roberts is em-

## Alleged Slayer Is Still at Large.

James Wilson, colored, better known as "Jack the Bear," who yesterday was named in a coroner's verdict as the slayer of Lucien Mines, also colored at call on Admiral Dewey today, wishing an absence of the familiar display at colored at colored at call on Admiral Dewey today, wishing an absence of the familiar display at colored at colored at call on Admiral Dewey today, wishing an absence of the familiar display at colored at colored at call on Admiral Dewey today, wishing an absence of the familiar display at colored at call on Admiral Dewey today. slayer of Lucien Mines, also colored, at hi ma happy new year. Capt. McCrink stayer of Lucien Mines, also colored, at 231 Missouri avenue Wednesday morning, has not been apprehended. Wilson, the police say, has many friends been in the theatrical business, they state, and probably has many friends who will willingly assist him to keep out of the hands of the police.

Rev. Harrington Littell Here.

Rev. Harrington Littell, missionary to Chira is in Washington for a brief

New Train on Seaboard Airline. The Seaboard Airline railway announces that Monday it will put in service a new train, the Scaboard Florida limited, which is scheduled to leave Union station at 8:25 o'clock in the Beach and Miami. It is described as a solid steel train, all Pullmans, electrically lighted and having the usual complement of drawing room compartments and section sleepers, diner and observation car and a library-club subject by members of the league and the league and the audience will follow the address.

Crimes

subject of an address by Dr. Riley 1/2 portunity

opportunities conducted by the Associated the contribution was received afternoon. A general discussion of the beauties of the league and the audience will follow the address. evening on its initial journey to Palm

The state of the s

Only Member of British Cabinet to Quit, May Withdraw Action.

### POSSIBILITY OF CRISIS IS NOT YET REMOVED

### Other Ministers Must Be Convinced if They Give In on Conscription Plan.

LONDON, January 1 .- It is stated that Sir John A. Simon, the home sec retary, has actually tendered his resignation, but that it has not been ac cepted and that hopes are entertained that it may be withdrawn. Thus far there are no other cabinet resigna

The possibility of a crisis still is present, but for the moment there is a lull. There will be no further cabinet meeting until Tuesday

### Terms of Measure.

According to the Press Association the following is an outline of the terms

"The bill will merely require that single men who have not enrolled under the Earl of Derby's scheme shall present themselves to the recruiting officers in the districts within a specified term of days. Heavy penalties will be laid down for failure to com-

Scheme of offering something in the scheme of offering something in the way of entertainment as they make their appeal.

The Washington Diet Kitchen will open offices in the Riggs building, 15th and G streets, Monday, and has announced it will be grateful to any young women who may volunteer to help. These offices will be in the

### Cause of Objections.

Reginald McKenna, chancellor of the exchequer, and Walter Runciman, president of the board of trade, objected to the bill on the ground of the financial strain of a big army and because it will drain the country of the men required to maintain industrial and commercial efficiency.

They submitted interesting figures on

Ireland May Be Excluded. As the Earl of Derby's enlistment scheme was never applied to Ireland, Ireland takes it for granted that it is excluded from the operation of the new

bill.

The cabinet met twice yesterday, each session lasting more than two hours, and devoted itself to considering a draft of the proposed bill.

### NEW YEAR IS OBSERVED WITH MUMMERS' PARADE

Alfred Harding officiating, assisted by Canon William L. Devries, Canon Richard P. Williams and Rev. F. R. Nitchie. Interment was in Rock Creek Cemetery.

Mr. Young was born in Manassas, Va. He was married to Miss Bertha Conley, daughter of the late John and Margaret Conley, of Seneca, Md. He leaves his widow and three children, the eldest of whom is eleven years old:

MITCHIADELPHIA, January 1.—The Mummers' parade, the feature of the New Year celebration, in this city, assumed greater proportions today than ever before. For the first time in the the audience are diversified.

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Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Bewie are to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding at their home, 1642 10th street northwest, Monday evening. For thirty-four years Mr.

thirty-four years Mr. Bowie was em- dents of this city in witnessing the

### HONOR GUESTS AT RECEPTION. Senor and Senora Monteverde and

Lady Jane Barlow to Attend. Senor and Senora Eduardo Monteverde of Uruguay are to be special guests, with Lady Jane Barlow of England, wife of a member of parliament, at the annual New thirty years old, living at 6 Allen court, between 3d and 4½. L and M streets southwest, was found dead in bed in her room on the second floor today. The woman had been murdered, the police of the fourth precinct declare, her head and face being badly cut and battered with a piece of a cast iron stove in the room.

Occupants of the house say the woman engaged in a fight Tuesday night

## TO OBSERVE GOLDEN WEDDING.

### Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Roberts to Hold Reception This Evening.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Roberts are to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary tonight at their home, 1405

Good Hope road and 20th street, will appear in Javenile Court next week to answer five charges of joy riding.

They were arrested by Detectives Berman and Cornwell and released on collateral. It is charged that last week they participated in joy rides in five automobiles, some gasoline and others electric cars.

Greets Admiral Dewey. Capt. Joseph P. McCrink, national aid de camp, U. S. W. V., made a New Year

Rev. Harrington Littell Here.

Rev. Harrington Littell, missionary to Chira is in Washington for a brief stay. It will occupy the pulpit of the Church of Nativity (Protestant Episcopa to orrow evening on invitation of the vicar, Rev. Enoch M. Thompson. Dr. R. D. Moore to Address League.

## **WOMAN LINGUIST AIDS** IN PAN-AMERICAN TALKS ON GREATER OUTPUT

Mme. Blanche Zacharie de Baralt of Geological Survey Makes Pub-Cuba, Born in This Country, Among Visitors to City.



MRS. BLANCHE Z. DE BARALT.

Mme. Blanche Zacharie de Baralt, who is in Washington in connection with the women's auxiliary conference to the Pan-American Scientific Con- now prevailing for motor fuel." gress, her professor husband, Louis A. adds: Baralt, being a delegate to the latter her assistance in translating announcein Memorial Continental Hall.

At the opening session of the confer ence Mme. de Baralt addressed the delegates on "The Spanish-American Woman," and since then she has daily been



PHILADELPHIA, January 1 .- The upon the platform assisting to smooth

## PRESENTED AT THE FRONT

Popularity of Monarch Increased by His Refusal to Leave Troops. Rome Gay, as Usual.

ROME, December 31, 4:55 p.m. (delayed).—The annual New Year cere-mony of the presentation of greetings to the king by cabinet ministers, sen-ators, deputies and high state officials by the great majority of commanding is occurring at the war front this year the annual report of Capt. Ridley Mc-Rome. This is the greatest change noticeable in the capital, and it adds to the popularity of the Italian sovrespective of the great heat in the tenced to imprisonment for breaking Isonzo valley in July and August or regulations, but where there was of the extreme cold at this season on ground for extending clemency, were the crests of the Alps, 10,000 feet high, has refused to leave his soldiers even while those whose offenses were seri-

for a day. Rome has virtually the Rome has a large number of men wearing military uniforms. Some of those who have been allowed to return home for a few days are men with families, and these soldiers may be seen on the street promenadink gayly with their wives and children. All amusements are proceeding as in past years.

In the crowds here and there may be seen a few foreign military uniforms.

LONDON IN GRAVE MOOD.

Fear of Air Raids in Part Curtails seminated in the part of the great of t Rome has virtually the same gay aspect as in other years. The only is shown, has been a great decrease in choir sang New Year songs at mid-

## JOHN VAVASOUR NOEL GASOLINE IS HIGHER

Native of New Jersey Intimately Identified With Interests in Latin Countries.

JOHN VAVASOUR NOEL,

ssistant secretary general Pan-Ameri

Peru.

"Then

was asked.

pan-Americans."

zuelan affairs.

Served as Director of Publicity.

founded a monthly magazine, called Peru Today, and the West Coast Lead-

nformation bureau. The panic which affected South Amer-

ica at the opening of the European war made it necessary to discontinue some of these publications for the time

CAPITAL OBSERVES

**NEW YEAR ADVENT** 

(Continued from First Page.)

WITH 'OPEN HOUSE'

SAYS PRICE MAY REACH \$2.50 PER BARREL AGAIN

lic Striking Array of Pe-

troleum Figures.

Declares Production Activity in 1915 Purposely Retarded as Far as Practicable.

Increased production of gasoline last ear, a falling off in the exports and he largest known reserve are shown figures compiled by the United States geological survey and made pubic today. The price has increased during the past few weeks and the overnment officials estimate that in short time it may reach its previous nigh average of \$2.50 a barrel at the Both the Department of Justice and the federal trade commission are reparing to investigate the prices. A statement issued by the geologica survey estimates the 1915 production of market petroleum at 267,400,000, 2,000 barrels more than in 1914.

"This," says the statement, "does not agree with the currently reported reason for the exceptionally high prices "As a result of the overload put on

gathering, has been prominent in the the transporting and refining phases of large gatherings of the most influen- the petroleum industry by the excess tial women in the three Americas, by output of 1914, the year 1915 may be characterized as a period of readjustment in which production activity was purposely retarded as far as practicable. small increase, therefore, is more significant than the simple figures in-Factors that might be expected to affect the price of gasoline, according to geological survey officials, are production, consumption and prices of crude petroleum. Consumption figures, they said, were not available, though

onsumption was increasing.

Enormous Stocks in Reserve.

A low petroleum price level was reached in April, and until August the price remained at \$1.35 a barrel for the market standard. Then the price began to soar, and December 17 petroleum was selling at \$2.15. Indications now are, says the statement, that the price soon will reach \$2.50, its previous high record.

One production fact brought out by the survey is that crude petroleum stocks held in reserve, the largest ever whose held in reserve, the largest ever (hone, increased \$50,000,000 barrels in 1915, and at present more than 220,000,-000 barrels of this.

Enormous Stocks in Reserve.

A low petroleum price level was reached in April, and until today he is, in fact, "a pan-American."

Publisher and Author.

Mr. Noel is a publisher and author—his friends in the newspaper business call him a "newspaper man." He recently returned to the United States from Peru and has been building up a news service in New York city designed to cover the Latin American field. He was called to Washington at the outset of the Pan-American Scientific Congress by John Barrett, director general of the Pan-American Cinnific Congress by John Barrett, director general of the Pan-American Cinnific Congress by John Barrett, director general of the Pan-American Cinnific Congress by John Barrett, director general of the Pan-American Cinnific Congress by John Barrett, director general of the Congress, which is the board of direct or be held by the board of directors, the ministerial council and the Respondence of the Science of a service which began at noon. Miss Mary Anderson was and Mrs. J. N. Culbertson were in charge of a service which began at noon. Miss Mary Anderson was organized to the Science of a service which began at noon. Miss Mary Anderson was and Mrs. J. N. Culbertson were in charge of a service which began at noon. Miss Mary Anderson was and Mrs. J.

storage by producers accounts for 24,000,000 barrels of this.

Export figures for the first ten months
of 1915 show that gasoline exports
dropped far below the same period in
1914 and slightly below 1913. During
the ten months ending with October
98,471,466 barrels left the United States,
against 140,275,273 for the same period
in 1914, and 100,353,871 in 1913.

bulletin of the congress, which is the
newspaper of the congress, issued every
morning, without advertisements, and
to take charge of publishing and printing matters in connection with the
congress. The day before the opening
Dr. Glen Levin Swiggett, assistant secsective Surger Rosevelt Club.

Receives Junior Roosevelt Club.

Master Charles A. McGhan received
the members of the ministerial council and
the superintendent of the mission is tract at 2 o'clock and continue until 50
o'clock. At 1 o'clock this afternoon a
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to congress. The day before the opening
Dr. Glen Levin Swiggett, assistant secretary general, became till, and Mr.
Noel was called to take charge, temporarily, of general arrangements for the
congress. Hope for Change in New Process.

### The relation between the cost of rude pretroleum and gasoline is hard to determine, according to officials who of the varying grades of petroleum

Five clubs were entered in the fancy dress division, fifteen in the comic and four in the division for string bands.

Each organization had from 75 to 750 men in line. It is estimated that more than \$75,000 was spent for costumes by the Mummers, many of whom had been working all year planning for original effects.

Many of the paraders danced all night at the balls given under the auspices of the various and successions.

Darail sne went to his native home in cube home in said today the recent discovery by Dr. Walter F. Ritman, a government the chief of a process for obtaining from crude oils 200 per cent more gasoline than \$75,000 was spent for costumes by the Mummers, many of whom had been similar organizations.

GREETINGS TO ITALIAN KINC

## DISCIPLINARY SYSTEM OF NAVY WORKS WELL

continued in service at reduced pay ous were summarily discharged instead of being imprisoned. The net result, it decorations, and members of St. John's

By Transfer the White House

RATED "PAN-AMERICAN

stablishments along the river front ome few of the plants shut down all day and others closed at noon, as did the offices of the lumber and woodhandling firms. There was no general display of bunting by the vessels in the harbor, though some few displayed their flags in honor of the coming of a new year. At the wholesale fish market all the dealers were open for business this morning, but purchasers were few, and most of the dealers closed their doors shortly after noon. New Year day marks the close of the holiday season along the river and a number of vessels that were laid up while their crews spent the holidays at their homes ashore, will return to service, and will be operated through-out the winter if no ice comes to

### CHURCH BURNS MORTGAGE.

### Eckington Presbyterian Then Holds Watch-Night Service.

Before holding watch night services last night the congregation of Eckingon Presbyterian Church, North Capitol and Q streets, with impressive ceremonies, burned the church mortgage. The mortgage, which was for \$17.500, was placed in a wire hasket. After the lights were extinguished the trustees and members of the debt fund committee came down the aisles with lighted candles and held them under the receptacle which contained the mortgage. As the document burned the congregation sang the doxology.

### DAY FITTINGLY OBSERVED AT TWO CITY MISSIONS

Receptions and Religious Services at Gospel and Central Union to Continue Until 9 Tonight.

enn Scientific Congress. New Year day is being fittingly observed at the Gospel Mission and at the A reporter for The Star was introluced to John Vavasour Noel, assistant Central Union Mission today with receptions and religious services. secretary general of the Pan-American both institutions the exercises of the Scientific Congress, the other day. Mr. day started at noon and are to con-Noel was described as being

At the Gospel Mission religious services began at noon with W. H. notwithstanding your English name?" Houghton as leader, Mrs. B. K. Roberts as speaker. Charles Kinsella, pre-"No," the introducer interjected. "Mr. centor; W. H. Evans, soloist, and Miss Noel belongs to that new race-the Roberts and Paul Wagner, accompanists. At 1 o'clock this afternoon So it turned out for although Mr. second service started and services, Noel was born in Moorestown, N. J., each lasting one hour and each with in 1870, he has spent many years, as so many other citizens of the United participants, are to continue through States have done, in Latin America, without intermission until tonight. making the interests of those countries

the members of the Junior Roosevelt ongress.

He is the friend of the newspaper men Club, of which he is president, from 12 to 4 o'clock today at his home, 642 who are "covering" the congress. He was educated in the United States and was educated in the United States and abroad, and after some commercial experience abroad he identified himself in New York journalism, making a specialty of the Latin American field. He spent some time as a special writer for New York publications in Venezuela and around the Caribbean, and had several interesting experiences when Castro made his appearance in Vene.

Reception by Woman's Relief Corps. Castro made his appearance in Vene-A reception is being held by the Department of the Potomac, Women's Re-Broken in health he returned to the Broken in health he returned to the United States to recuperate and later he served as director of publicity in connection with various Latin American gatherings. He "covered" the Pan-American Congress at Mexico City in 1900-1901 as a representative of a syndicate of Sunday newspapers. In 1908 he moved to Lima, Peru, and there founded a monthly magazine, called 4:30 o'clock at G. A. R. Hall. Mrs. M. A.

## Peru Today, and the West Coast Leader, a weekly paper, in English, covering the west coast of South America from Panama to Patagonia, and a Spanish paper covering the same field, called Noticias. These publications maintained a free reading room for the traveling public, as well as a general information bureau. ENJOY A "PIE DINNER"

At the "pie dinner" given by Rotaria

Samuel J. Prescott to the other mem-

was a sort of seeing-the-old year out, Howard will assist.
with a vengeance. Eighty-six of the with a vengeance. Eighty-six of the ninety members of the club responded to Mr. Prescott's invitation, the four absentees being away from the city. As they arrived at the hotel each guest was provided with a set of sleigh bells. Promptly at 12:39 o'clock the party was formed in columns by Past President Joseph M. Stoddard, who was properly attired to officiate as grand marshal of the day. To the music of an orchestra, with a trumpeter in advance, and the sleigh bells ingling, the Rotarians marched in and around the beautifully decorated dining room. Mr. Prescott called on Clifford K. Berryman to officiate as presiding officer. The latter took advantage of the opportunity to "get even" for alleged ruthless treatment received in the past from George W. Harris, president of the club. He districted all precedents and parliamentary rules and ran things, as he admitted, with a high hand. He was absolutely the czar of the occasion.

Every Dish in Shape of Pie.

Program of the Y. W. C. A.

Especial attention to women who are here from other cities, and who may be lonely or homesick, is to be paid at the firm of the Y. W. C. A. building from 3 to 9 p.m. Tas is to be point at the "at home" to be held in the Y. W. C. A. building from 3 to 9 p.m. Tas is to be poor of Paris. Mr. Dumont is now devoting his time to popularizing aviation, to bringing about the adoption of aircraft as vehicles for transportation. In 1913 he mountened with the Legion d'Honnur and the Eiffel tower in less than half an here from other cities, and who may be lonely or homesick, is to be paid at the W. W. C. A. building from 3 to 9 p.m. Tas is to be poor of Paris. Mr. Dumont is now devoting his time to popularizing aviation, to bringing about the adoption of aircraft as vehicles for transportation. In 1913 he mountened were to the poor of Paris.

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Every Dish in Shape of Pie. Every dish of the elaborate menu was in the form of pie, from buillon to coffee. The principal number was a mammoth chicken pie, which escorted into the room on a truck drawn by the waiters and guarded by

LONDON IN GRAVE MOOD.

Fear of Air Raids in Part Curtain

New Year Pestivities.

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## CAMPAIGN OF NEW YEAR | AEROS MAY FURTHER FOR PROHIBITION BEGINS

Anti-Saloon Leaguers Meet at Y. M. C. A. Building-Take Stand Against Referendum Here.

Off to an early start in its campaign to make Washington dry before the year is out, the board of trustees o the Washington branch of the Anti-Saloon League, at a meeting this morn plans for holding a series of big mass meetings to urge favorable considera tion by Congress of the Sheppard pro hibition bill.

One of the meetings will be held this month, and the other two in February and March, the dates and places of meeting to be determined later. In addition, neighborhood meetings will be held in the various police precincts. port of the entire city by a systematic and thorough method of presenting the cause of temperance to the home own

Supplementing the efforts of the lo cal organization, the Anti-Saloor League of America, which has placed the "winning of Washington" as the next goal to be achieved in its nation-wide fight for prohibition, is planning to go into the districts of members of Congress and arouse national support for the Sheppard bill.

### Oppose Referendum Vote.

At its meeting today the board of directors adopted a resolution protesting against the proposed plan of having a referendum vote in the District

on the question of prohibition. "The referendum was suggested by the liquor forces not for the purpose of obtaining the sentiment of the resi-dents of the District of Columbia, but to prevent the enactment of prohibition at this time," the resolution recites.

"The referendum is now being vigor-At ously urged by the organized liquor lobby, said now to be in Washington in great strength, as the only possible available means of defeating prohi-

bition."

In delegating to the headquarters committee authority to look after the details of the prohibition campaign, the board of directors named the personnel of the committee as follows: Andrew Wilson, Thomas G. Shearman, Ten Eyck Wendell, Rev. D. C. Blakemore, Rev. George A. Miller, Rev. Clareface A. Vincent, Rev. Charles H. Butler, Rev. Lucius C. Clark, Rev. J. Milton Waldron, H. T. Worley and Rev. Paul R. Hickok. Rev. Lucius C. Clark, Charles

# **ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED**

Young Men's Christian Association

ciation and the 12th street branch of the Y. M. C. A. (colored). Friends of the respective institutions will be welcomed, and an opportunity given to to establish aerial express lines would inspect the buildings.

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Beginning at 2 o'clock and continu- America, and will speak along that line ing until 11 p.m., the Y. M. C. A. is to keep "open house," and a continuous

## RADIO MESSAGE BRINGS NEWS OF THESSALONIKI

early today stated that she had taken the disabled steamer Thessaloniki in

thick and the radio station had great difficulty in reading the message. The coast guard cutter Seneca had reported during the night that she was to locate the Thessaloniki.

# **CEMENT AMERICAS**

Santos Dumont Will Discuss Possibilities Before Scientific Congress.

### EXPRESS LINES IN AIR WOULD BE WELCOMED

Brilliant Brazilian Inventor Studying Adoption of Flying Craft for Transportation.



ALBERTO SANTOS DUMONT,

Alberto Santos Dumont, the Brazilian aeronaut, who was, in 1898, the first person in the world to make a public aeroplane flight, and woh is attending the Pan-American Scientific Congress. Hickok. Rev. Lucius C. Clark, Charles W. Gates and D. W. Gall were elected is to deliver an address Monday after-noon at 3 o'clock on "How the Aeroplane May Bring About a Closer Alliance Between the South American Countries and the United States." This lecture, which will be illustrated, will be given at the joint session of section V and subsection 1 of section IX in the small ballroom of the New Willard Hotel. It will be in English, and the public is invited to be present.

be a lecture, illustrated, by Don Gonand the Y. W. C. A. Announce

Programs of Entertainment.

New Year activities are scheduled for this afternoon and evening at the Young Men's Christian Association, the Young Women's Christian Association and the 12th street branch of

### Express Lines Favored.

Mr. Dumont believes that an attempt ing until 11 p.m., the Y. M. C. A. is to keep "open house," and a continuous program is to be given, taking a variety of forms. Several pastors, members of the board of trustees, members of the board of trustees, members of the board of managers and the secretaries are to receive. The members of the association living at the building are to receive their friends in their rooms.

Athletic Features.

Numerous athletic features have been provided for exhibition purposes in the gymnasium between 2:30 and 5 o'clock. A swimming and diving contest is to be held in the swimming pool at 4 o'clock. Exhibits are to be held by the Camera Club and other organizations.

Judge Quentin D. Corley of Dallas, Tex., is to give a lecture at 3 o'clock, how he gets along without arms, giving demonstrations.

In the evening a content is to be mont, who is also an inventor and

bers of the Rotary Club of Washington yesterday afternoon at the Continental Hotel many novel and unique
features were introduced and hilarity
and happiness reigned supreme. It Deutsch de la Meurthe, the French sportsman, having flown from the Park

tended by the crown prince, Field Marshal von Hindenburg, Field Marshal von Mackensen, Field Marshal Liman von Sanders, Count Zeppelin, Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, the Duke of Wurttemberg and other

### 1916 IS YEAR OF VICTORY, POINCARE TELLS TROOPS

PARIS, January 1 .- "Nineteen hundred and sixteen will be the year of our victory," says President Poincare in a message to the officers and soldiers of France," which is distributed along the whole front. The message, which is one of great simplicity, expresses the confidence of the entire nation in its defenders.

## Congressman Under Indictment Em-

ploys New York Counsel. Representative Buchanan of Illinois, inder indictment in New York on the charge of fomenting strikes in American munition plants, has retained as counsel in New York Arthur English, ported during the night that she was still trying to locate the Thessaloniki, but had been unable to get in touch with her.

The steamer Florizel has been searching for the disabled vessel since early yesterday, but it was not known here early today whether she was the ship which reported that she had reached the Thessaloniki.

The radio station continued its efforts to get further advices.